GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1438
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Digging of Ponds for Recharging Ground Water Resources
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expedite digging more ponds in order to recharge the ground water resources in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of ponds excavated during the last three years and proposed to be dug during the current year in the country, State/ UT-wise;
(c) the total budgetary allocation to the States including Madhya Pradesh for the same during the said period and the targets achieved in this regard so far, State/ UT-wise; and
(d) the further steps to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

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(a) to (c) In current financial year, 2016-17, a national target of constructing 5 lakh farm ponds under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was kept. Against this, States/ UTs in their annual labour budget and shelf of works for the year 2016-17 have kept a target of 8,82,325 farm ponds, out of which 487054 have been completed as on 6th March, 2017.
State/UT-wise details including the number of ponds excavated during the last three years and the current year in the Country are given at Annexure-I & II respectively.
The quantum of financial assistance granted under MGNREGA, is not work/ project-wise.
(d) The Ministry of Rural Development in consultation and agreement with the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has issued 'Mission Water Conservation Guidelines' to be implemented by all the States for scientific planning and execution of water management works with the use of latest technology. The thrust is on Planning and Monitoring Framework for Natural Resource Management (NRM) related works under MGNREGA in convergence with Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) and Command Area and Water Management (CAD&WM) schemes. This will lead to better outcomes of water conservation and water harvesting measures.
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ANNEXURE - I

Annexure referred in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1438 dated 09.03.2017 regarding "Digging of Ponds for Recharging Ground Water Resources"

Number of Ponds Excavated
(During Last Three Years)

S.No. State/UT Completed Works
(2015-2016) Completed Works
(2014-2015) Complete Works
(2013-2014)
1 Andhra Pradesh 13368 7901 12491
2 Arunachal Pradesh 4 1 13
3 Assam 368 259 354
4 Bihar 1983 1733 4301
5 Chhattisgarh 2191 2223 2339
6 Goa 2 0 1
7 Gujarat 1534 303 2499
8 Haryana 183 234 306
9 Himachal Pradesh 7777 11220 13269
10 Jammu And Kashmir 777 387 862
11 Jharkhand 7687 7260 9702
12 Karnataka 10300 8019 6384
13 Kerala 2452 2803 1873
14 Madhya Pradesh 15462 48042 46684
15 Maharashtra 5896 4853 4936
16 Manipur 124 82 72
17 Meghalaya 169 97 180

18 Mizoram 100 33 42
19 Nagaland 18 1 22
20 Odisha 9988 5867 11675
21 Punjab 11 16 6
22 Rajasthan 15289 22997 24315
23 Sikkim 9 42 2
24 Tamil Nadu 7321 14853 11390
25 Telangana 94 82 610
26 Tripura 4932 8480 6831
27 Uttar Pradesh 11783 5184 9351
28 Uttarakhand 453 371 502
29 West Bengal 33181 31745 19993
30 Andaman And Nicobar 7 13 31
31 Dadra & Nagar Haveli 0 0 0
32 Daman & Diu 0 0 0
33 Lakshadweep 0 0 0
34 Puducherry 4 3 0
Total 153467 185104 191036

ANNEXURE - II

Annexure referred in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1438 dated 09.03.2017 regarding "Digging of Ponds for Recharging Ground Water Resources"

Details of Farm Ponds constructed during the current year (2016-17)
(As on 6.3.2017)
S.No. States/UTs Target
(2016-17) Completed
1 Andhra Pradesh
250000 254246
2 Arunachal Pradesh
1108 264
3 Assam
13239 209
4 Bihar
15000 1439
5 Chhattisgarh
55000 7076
6 Goa
0 0
7 Gujarat
27516 2491
8 Haryana
61 232
9 Himachal Pradesh
10361 7328
10 Jammu And Kashmir
1885 406
11 Jharkhand
128132 85772
12 Karnataka
111340 13342
13 Kerala
5000 1714
14 Madhya Pradesh
50000 14003
15 Maharashtra
1000 5050
16 Manipur
2724 226
17 Meghalaya
300 182
18 Mizoram
2131 326
19 Nagaland
603 3
20 Odisha
20340 12571
21 Punjab

1581 5
22 Rajasthan
25000 20968
23 Sikkim
0 0
24 Tamil Nadu
17500 2418
25 Telangana
25000 19840
26 Tripura
18700 1206
27 Uttar Pradesh
5705 9105
28 Uttarakhand
3814 677
29 West Bengal
88948 25952
30 Andaman & Nicobar
307 0
31 Dadra & Nagar Haveli
0 0
32 Daman & Diu
0 0
33 Lakshadweep
0 0
34 Puducherry
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Total 882325 487054

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